Food for Work Programme

1085. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the potential to ameliorate the acute rural distress through expanded Food for Work Programme, has been utilized to achieve the targeted results;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the horrific picture of inhuman conditions at the worksite, in the backward disricts of Yavatmal, Hingoli and Nanded, as revealed during the visit of a study team to these sites; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that the anticipated benefits of this Scheme duly percolated to the poorer sections of rural population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) It was felt by the Government that the available resources under the existing poverty alleviation programmes especially in the backward districts were not sufficiently enough to create sufficient employment opportunities to absorb the demand for it. As such, National Food for Work Programme was launched in the 150 most backward districts of the country *w.e.f.* November 2004 with the objective of providing additional supplementary wage employment with food security through creation of durable economic and social assets. The programme is prelude to national Rural Employment Guarantee Programme which will be launched soon once the NREG Bill is passed by the Parliament. The NREGB envisage wage employment guarantee for 100 days in a year to one person from each rural BPL household. During the five months of implementation from November 2004 to March 2005 during 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 2020 crore with 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains were released to all the 150 identified most backward districts, out of which an amount of Rs. 550.99 crore has been utilized with 3.88 lakh MTs of foodgrains distributed to the workers which resulted into generation of 783.68 lakh mandays. A total of 17568 works were completed and 52385 works were in progress during the year 2004-05. During 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 7.62 crore with 8.26 lakh MTs of foodgrains have been released, out of which Rs. 2.89 crore have been utilized with 2.15 lakh MTs of foodgrains distributed to the workers which resulted into

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Special Projects sanctioned to State of Karnataka and Kerala since inception of the Scheme i.e. 1.4.99

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	State	Sector	Sector Code	Implementing Agency	Period in which Project Sanctioned	Project Period	Total Project Cost
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Project for taking up income generating activities in farm and non farm sector by Kshetra Dharmasthala in Dakshini Kannada District	Karnataka	Mushroom Cultivation, Sericulture & Floriculture (Multiple Sector)	24	Shri kshetra Dharmashala Rural Development Project, Dakshni Kannada	2002-2003 (11.03.2003)	3	1456.500
2	Special project for Artisan's village at Pilikula Nisarga Dhama, Moodashedde village, Manglore	Karnataka	Handicraft	15	DRDA, Mangalore	2002-2003 (28.03.2003)	3	394.00
3	Special Project under SGSY for Economic Empowerment of the Tribal Honey Hunters through skill upgradation in collection and extraction as well as awareness of processing and marketing of Wild Honey	Karnataka	Others	26	TRIFED	2004-2005 (24.03.2005)	2	36.400
4	Special Project for Infrastructure Development for Upliftment of Dairy Farmers Specially BPL Families, Kolar.	Ksrnataka	Dairy Development	1	ZP, Kolar, (17.12.2005)	2003-04	3	1188.730
5	Special Project under SGSY for Employment Generation for Rural Folk through Agri Enterprises in Mysore, Karnataka	Karnataka	Agriculture & Land Development	3	DRDA, Zila Panchayat Mysore in support with JSS Mahavidyapeeth, Mysore	2004-2005 (31.03.2005)	3	1485.046

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	Special Project under SGSY for Use of Natural Fibre for Handicrafts in six states namely Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Assam and West Bengal	Karnataka	Handicraft	15	Council of Handicrafts Development Corporation (COHANDS), Delhi	2004-2005 (23.03.2005)	3	257.4
7	Special project for Micro-enterprises Development with Innovative Community and Marketing Linkage in Alappuza District of Kerala	Kerala	Others	26	DRDA, Alappuza (16.07.02)	2002-2003	3	840.000
8	Special project for Sustainable Business Development of Innovative Coconut Based Micro-Enterprises for Holistic Growth and Poverty Alleviation (SUBICSHA)	Kerala	Coir & Coconut	11	DRDA, Kozhikode	2002-2003 (10.3.03)	3	1401.000
9	Project for micro-enterprises development of sanitation for employment generation in Mallapuram district of Kerala	Kerala	Others	26	DRDA, Mallapurum,	2003-04 (1.7.03)	3	281.320
10	Production and Marketing of Value Added Fish Products in Kerala.	Kerala	Fisheries	13	DRDA, Thiruvananthpuram	2003-04 (20.02.04)	3	1127.150
11	Special Project for promotion of Bck Yard Breeding of Chicks in Kerala.	Kerala	Poultry	4	KSPDC, Kerala	2004-2005 (11.03.05)	2	1492.000
	Grand Total							9929.546

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Special Projects sanctioned to the State of Karnataka and Kerala since the inception of the Scheme in 1999

	Karnataka	
KR01	Project for dairy development activities in Mysore and Chamrajanagar districts of Karnataka	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR02	Gadag-Multiple income generating activities (Revised proposal received dated 4.2.2005,	Refer to D/o AH & D and D/o Horticulture for comments
KR03	Project for Clean Milk Production Programme in Bangalore Urban District	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR04	Project for Clean Milk Production Programme in Bangalore Rural District	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR05	Project for infrastructure development for upliftment of Dairy farmers specially BPL families in Mandya Milk Union Jurisdiction	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR06	Special project for integrated Dairy Development in Bidar District	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR07	Special project for promotion of Green House Technology in Dharwad district	Refer to M/o Agriculture for comments
KR08	Special Project for Dairy Development Activities in Devangere District	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR09	Dairy activities in Chitradurga District	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR10	Special Project under SGSY for infrastructure development for upliftment of dairy Farmers specially BPL families in Belgaum	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
KR11	Revised Proposal on dairy activities in Hasan district	Refer to D/o AH & D for comments
Kerala		
KR01	Handloom Project "THANIMA" Thiruvananthpurum	In principal approval has been given to the project. The proposal would be placed before the Project Approval Committee in its next meeting.

generation of 514.99 lakh mandays. A total of 19,122 works was completed and 31,232 works are in progress.

(b) and (c) The Government is aware of the study undertaken in the identified backward Districts of Yavatmal, Hingoli and Nanded of Maharashtra. The major issues raised by the study were (i) non-payment of full wages to the target group, (ii) no earmarking of women and no facilities for them at the work site, (iii) no transparency being maintained, (iv) non-adherence of Guidelines with regards to setting up of local monitoring committees, time bound payment of wages to the workers etc. and (v) low piece rate of payment of wages. These issues were examined in detail and report of the State Government of Maharashtra was also obtained in this regard. The study is based on some solitary incidents and most of the issues raised are basically due to provisions of the Programme Guidelines not being very clear to the study team and some initial implementation related problems being faced by the implementing/executing agencies. Detailed para-wise comments of the Ministry and the State Government of Maharashtra as well on the issues raised by the study was sent to the leader of the study team. Instructions have been reiterated to the State Governments to ensure compliance of the Guidelines. Moreover, considering the magnitude of the programme that was launched only about seven months ago, structures and processes envisaged for creating accountability for delivering the benefits intended in the programme may take some time to become effective and this itself will need constant, vigilant support from all quarters at every level.

Success of rural development scheme in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

†1086. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the centrally sponsored rural development schemes not achieving desired success in Eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) the details of the amount released and the work done during the last three years particularly with regard to Azamgarh, Mau, Ambedkar Nagar, Sultanpur and Faizabad under CAPART, SGSY, EAS, JGSY and PMGSY and the extent to which it is below the national average; and

(c) whether Government would provide a package in view of the backwardness of Eastern Uttar Pradesh?